(b) if so, the reasons for not checking his antecedents for the last more than 35 years living in Pali District of Rajasthan;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a large number of such Pakistanis in Rajasthan, if so, the reasons for not promptly checking antecedents of such persons; and

(d) the action being taken against the authorities for such negligence in performing their duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected.

Pakistani Nationals living in Madhya Pradesh

†3089. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani nationals living in Madhya Pradesh despite expiry of their visa periods;

(b) whether Government have any information with regard to return of such people; and

(c) the action taken against these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) 888 Pak nationals are reported overstaying in Madhya Pradesh out of which 105 are reportedly not traceable.

(b) and (c) The powers under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals, including Pak nationals, staying in the country unauthorisedly after the expiry of their visa, have been delegated to the State Governments/UT Administrations. Besides, administrative instructions are issued to them from time to time to launch special drives for the purpose. Detection and deportation is a continuous process and during 1997-1999, 11 Pak nationals were deported from Madhya Pradesh.

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